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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, GT

SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN REQUEST FOR F-100'S

REF: GUATEMALA 2381

1. THE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE
POSSIBILITY OF F-100'S FOR GUATEMALA INDICATES THE PLANE
IS NOT VERY DESIRABLE. WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVE AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING
IF THE GOG IS STILL INTERESTED IN THE F-100 IN VIEW OF
FACTORS LISTED BELOW.

2. PLEASE GIVE THE GOG, IN THE MANNER YOU DEEM MOST
APPROPRIATE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

-- THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET CONSIDERED THE POLICY ISSUES
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INVOLVED IN A POSSIBLE SALE OF F-100'S TO GUATEMALA, BUT
HAS OBTAINED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT.
THIS INFORMATION BY NO MEANS REPRESENTS A DECISION
OR COMMITMENT BY THE USG TO SELL GUATEMALA F-100' OR
ANY OTHER AIRPLANE.

-- THERE ARE F-100D'S AND F-100F'S (TWO SEAT TRAINERS)

IN STANDARD STORAGE AT DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB AT A PRICE
OF ABOUT 80,000 DOLLARS EACH.
-- EACH PLANE WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL
IN EXCESS OF 30,000 DOLLARS.

-- SPARE PARTS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AFTER
SEPTEMBER 1979.

-- THE US AIR FORCE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE F-100
BECAUSE:

A. IT IS PRONE TO CORROSION, METAL FATIGUE AND
HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS;

B. IT HAS AN UNACCEPTABLY HIGH MAINTENANCE TO FLIGHT
HOUR RATIO;

C. IT IS EXTREMELY HEAVY REQUIRING 8,000 FEET OF
RUNWAY AT SEA LEVEL;

D. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A SINGLE ENGINE WHICH HAS A
HIGH INCIDENCE OF FLAMEOUT;

E. IT IS DIFFICULT TO FLY. CHRISTOPHER

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